



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Labour's Future

BETWEEN the pöbelian and the bourgeois of Britain there is, or more truly was, more than a social distinction between two classes. For the distinction evoked what has often and erroneously been described as a "class war". More exactly it was a determination which had its roots in the birth of socialism to assert, prescribe and establish the rights of every individual however humble his origin in the emerging liberalism of 20th century society.

There was, in short, also the difference between the discontented and the contented. And where the movement of middle class idealism failed to secure a place in the sun for everyone, the more rational and sensible heirs of the early socialist crusaders have succeeded. Succeeded, furthermore, in eliminating social extremes to the extent that today the two main political forces at work are the "right" and "left" of a vast middle class society.

IN the transition of society, Mr Clement Attlee has played a relatively small role. But in establishing its present structure, he has made his name. His character and temperament as a leader of a revolutionising movement testify to the success of this transition. Posterity may never appreciate his true stature. Even his contemporaries fail to acknowledge it properly. Yet he has done more for the Labour Party than any predecessor since his Liberal predecessor, David Lloyd George.

His successor, whether it is Mr Morrison or Mr Gaitskell, should not be unkind to his triumph for triumph it is. The welfare state has come and it is Labour's task now to return to an attempt to depress general living standards to a lower common denominator, but to elevate them to a higher one. Can this best be achieved by a young man, or by one of Mr Attlee's own contemporaries?

Mr Morrison, deputy leader of the Party since the death of Ernest Bevin in 1951, undoubtedly deserves preference for his long untiring service, his devotion and intense loyalty. Indeed, many in the Party would prefer him but his age is against a long tenure of office. Mr Gaitskell, a younger man and a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, would therefore seem a logical choice but there is union opposition to his preference of a running mate in the ambitious ex-Bevanite, Mr Harold Wilson.

UNION apprehension was evident in recent committee elections when a number of "young bloods" (between 40 and 60 years old) seeking reorganisation of the Party following its defeat in the general election were beaten by the old and trusty, among them Mr Griffiths, Mr Morrison, Mr Earnshaw and Mr Sam Watson. And as union representation in Parliament consists of about half the Labour seats, a compromise between the Gaitskell and Morrison elements is likely.

Labour's dilemma will be even more sharply defined by the accession of Mr Attlee to the peerage. Now at 72 he will, presumably become Party leader in the House of Lords, so that his influence will not be entirely lost. It is a pity the Party leaders' view with suspicion the reaction and change proposed by their junior Mr Bevan, may easily capitalise on any existing friction and it would be disastrous to its prestige in the electorate if it were to be wrecked by any new dispute at this stage of its existence when both policy and organisation call for unity.

ATTLEE MADE A PEER

Queen Confers An Earldom



TITLE NOT YET DECIDED

London, Dec. 7. Queen Elizabeth tonight made Mr Clement Attlee an earl following his resignation as leader of the British Labour Party.

An official announcement by Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, from 10 Downing Street, said: "The Queen has been pleased to approve that the dignity of an earldom be conferred upon Clement Richard Attlee, Order of Merit, Companion of Honour".

Mr Attlee will now be able to sit as a member of the House of Lords, Britain's second chamber.

His earldom means that a parliamentary by-election will be necessary in his constituency of West Walthamstow, near London, where at the May 1955 general election he had a majority of 9,250 votes.

An earldom is a hereditary title, which in this case will descend to his youngest son, Martin, if he outlives his father, and from then on to the eldest male heir of the line. Mr Attlee will "consent" to the title, to decide on his title and his coat of arms. Until then he will still be known as Mr Attlee but from tomorrow he will automatically be known as a peer from sitting in the House of Commons.

Any former Prime Minister when he leaves the House of Commons, is entitled to an earldom if he wishes it.

Sir Winston Churchill preferred to remain a commoner when he stood down from the premiership.

"LORD LOVEADUCK"

Political sources said tonight it seemed probable that in his title the Labour statesman will retain the name of Attlee.

In the past he has sometimes joked that if ever he went to the House of Lords he would take the title "Lord Loveaduck of Limehouse".

Limehouse is a drab East End London district which he represented in parliament for many years and "oveaduck" is a cockney expression of humorous surprise.

Mr Attlee will be making a clean break with the House of Commons of which he had been a member for 33 years.—Reuter.

Soldiers Sprayed With Gunshots

Nicosia, Dec. 8. A Cypriot terrorist band riding in a taxi last night sprayed soldiers, seriously wounding three of them, in another outbreak of violence in this troubled capital.

British troops poured into the area after the shooting and immediately sealed it off.

The terrorists managed to escape, however.

Meanwhile, in the town of Paphos, a bomb was thrown without causing damage or casualties, while at a British camp at Episkopi a water pipeline was blown up and telephone wires cut.

Workers demonstrated at Limassol, shouting for Enosis (union with Greece) "without conditions and without military bases".—France-Press.

EL GLAOUI HAS OPERATION

Marrakesh, Dec. 7. El Glaoui, Pasha of Marrakesh, today was reported to be in a "very weak" condition after undergoing a stomach operation.

A bulletin issued here by three French physicians said the operation was successful but that the patient was still very weak and the prognosis was "reserved".—France-Press.

SEAPLANE EXPLODES

Baltimore, Dec. 7. The Seamaster, first multi-jet seaplane, was one of the only two of this type which have been constructed up to now. The Seamaster is a four-jet plane which can reach a speed of 600 miles per hour and can carry a load of 15 tons at a cruising altitude of 10,250 feet.—France-Press.

SOCIALISTS HOLD SEAT

Gateshead, Dec. 7. The Labour Party held the seat in the parliamentary by-election here today.

The result, declared just before midnight, was: Mr H. Randall (Labour) 13,195.

Mr David Wright (Conservative) 6,601.

Majority: 6,594.

The by-election was caused by the death of Mr J. T. Hall, who won the seat in the May 26 general election by 10,339 votes over his Conservative opponent.

In the general election the number who voted was just over 33,000 compared with 19,857 today. Only 42.25 per cent of the electorate of 48,996, voted today as against 72.5 per cent in May.—Reuter.

Four Convicted Of Conspiracy

Mrs Comer Fined £50 Or 3 Months

London, Dec. 7. Mrs Margaret Comer, mother of two children and wife of a self-styled London gangster king, was fined £50 today for plotting to rig evidence to clear her husband of a knife fight.

Three men in the conspiracy, which has made headlines in British newspapers for the past week, were gaoled.

Morris "Molsha" Goldstein, 43, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Peter McDonough, 45, and Bernard "Sonny" Yankin, 53, were gaoled for 12 months.

The jury reached their verdict after being out for an hour. Mrs Comer, 27, looked on each side by a waitress, paled when she heard the verdict of guilty.

Public Outcry

Her fine carried the alternative of three months' imprisonment if it is not paid by January 1.

The Judge, Mr Justice Ormerod, said he was convinced that Goldstein was the ring leader in the conspiracy to rig evidence.

The trial followed public outcry that the law had been broken when Mrs Comer's husband, Jack "Spot" Comer, and another man, Albert Andrews, were acquitted last September of fighting with a man in Comptonian Soho. Both men were badly hurt but both were found not guilty of any offence.

The four accused pleaded not guilty to framing evidence to clear Jack Comer. They were alleged to have bribed an 88-year-old parson, the Reverend Basil Andrews, to give an eye-witness account of the fight, which he never saw.

Summing up, the Judge said that Andrews may have been living on his wife for "a number of years."

He told the jury that the parson, key witness in the eight-day trial, did not regard giving false evidence as a very serious matter.

In the course of years, "the pricking of conscience" might have become blunted, he said.

Women Weep

When the sentence was pronounced, women burst out weeping. Mrs Comer's sister, Miss Andrews, also wept. And into the high-domed court, broke the busy figure of Jack Comer.

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Russia Seeks Pledge Not To Use A & H Weapons

New York, Dec. 7. Mr Vasily Kuznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister in the political committee of the United Nations, today repeated Russia's call for the Big Four and all other states to pledge themselves not to be the first to use atomic and hydrogen weapons against any country.

In a 4,000-word speech, he repeated the main points of earlier Soviet addresses in the Disarmament Commission and the committee.

Replying to the "paper pledges" charge made against the Soviet Union by Mr Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State at the Foreign Office, he said that the Soviet call was not a paper pledge.

"Such a moral and political obligation would be as important as the international convention on the prohibition of bacteriological and chemical weapons which bears the signature of the United Kingdom," Mr Kuznetsov declared.

Did Mr Nutting consider that convention also to be a paper pledge? he asked.

"As is known, experience proved the vitality of this obligation which no states dared to violate in the course of the Second World War," he said.

Moral & Political

Condemnation

"Proposing to assume the obligation not to be the first to use atomic weapons, we believe that such a moral and political condemnation of the use of these weapons would lessen the threat of atomic war and contribute to the consolidation of peace," Mr Kuznetsov said.

While insisting, on such an undertaking, the Soviet Union "at the same time considers it necessary to exert all efforts towards the earliest conclusion of the convention on the reduction of armaments, the prohibition of atomic weapons and the institution of effective international control as provided by the resolution of the General Assembly of November 4, 1954".

Mutual Distrust

And Tension

But the Western powers "offer to set aside all this work and to proceed to the consideration of the proposal on aerial photography and the exchange of military blueprints instead of continuing the work of developing an international agreement on the reduction of armaments, the prohibition of atomic weapons and the institution of effective control," Mr Kuznetsov went on.

He repeated his previous assertion that the Eisenhower plan would not reduce the risk of a surprise attack and "would increase mutual distrust and international tension."

The Soviet Union could not, therefore, agree to the proposal in the Western draft resolution before the committee urging that priority be given to execution of such measures on this Eisenhower plan.

Russia Lays Down

A Condition

But the Soviet Union "could treat the proposal of President Eisenhower otherwise. If the proposed measures would be integrally connected with fulfilment of the task of stopping the armament race and prohibiting atomic weapons," he said.

"The question of aerial photography may be considered, but only as one of the forms of control over the implementation of proper international agreements during the final stage of the execution of measures for the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons."

Mr Kuznetsov pledged his country's determination "to find the solution of the disarmament problem and to contribute to the creation of a new international system and the strengthening of mutual trust."—Reuter.

Roof Collapses

Birmingham, Dec. 7. The roof of a new factory building here today collapsed, killing one man and injuring several others.

Cyprus Agreement: Makarios Prepares His Supporters

London, Dec. 7. Archbishop Makarios, leader of the union with the Greek movement prepared his Cypriot followers today for an agreement with Britain.

It is expected before the weekend.

The Archbishop issued a statement which urged his supporters to "remain calm pending developments."

He said, "Some days ago we rejected a British proposal which recognised the principle of self-determination but rendered it virtually unobtainable."

Now British policy had assumed a realistic line "which amounted to recognition of the right to self-determination."

This would give the people of Cyprus the right to unite with Greece if they wished.

Today the Archbishop made his first conciliatory move in two years towards British authority. When archbishops climbed into the belly of St John's Cathedral and rang the bells, Makarios ordered his staff "tell them to stop that at once."

The British imposed emergency regulations which forbid the pealing of bells except for religious services.—London Express Service.

MILITARY PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOVT

Buenos Aires, Dec. 7. A military plot against the new Argentine government in the Andean province of Mendoza has been foiled and several military leaders have been flown to Buenos Aires under arrest, a usually reliable source told Reuter today.

Reports of this conspiracy followed the arrest two days ago of several leading Nationalist supporters of the short-lived government of General Eduardo Lonardi, including his Foreign Minister, Senor Mario Amadeo.

Ministry of the Army officials in Buenos Aires refused to comment on the plot in Mendoza.

President Pedro Aramburu's government has been in power since November 13, when it deposed the government of General Lonardi, which had overthrown the dictatorial Peron regime after nine years in a brief civil war.

The government today issued a long-awaited statement, which aims in a press conference given by the Minister of the Interior, Senor Eduardo Duhalde.

In a 1,200-word written declaration, the government stated: "We are now committed to the task of eliminating all vestiges of totalitarianism and re-establishing the rule of moral justice, right, freedom and democracy."

TO STAY NEUTRAL

It said it would remain neutral before political parties and that no one now in the government would court popular favour with a view to eventual election.

Other aims announced by President Aramburu's government include the re-establishment of "republican administrative austerity" restoring dignity to the civil service, the guarantee of the rights of the Catholic Church and the study of a possible concordat with the Vatican, the encouragement of non-political and independent trade unions, a policy of housing, exploitation of the country's fuel resources, better transport, further industrialisation and the encouragement of foreign investments.—Reuter.

The four-storey building in Koenigs-Rasse in the middle of the city, which was the site of the explosion, was a new block of flats here this morning. Another seven are injured.

Rescuers were still working feverishly by floodlight tonight in the hope of extricating further survivors. At least another six persons were believed still buried beneath the wreckage.

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The latest theory about the explosion is that it may have been caused by an unexploded bomb beneath the foundation, relic of the last war. The possibility of sabotage has not been completely rejected.—France-Press.

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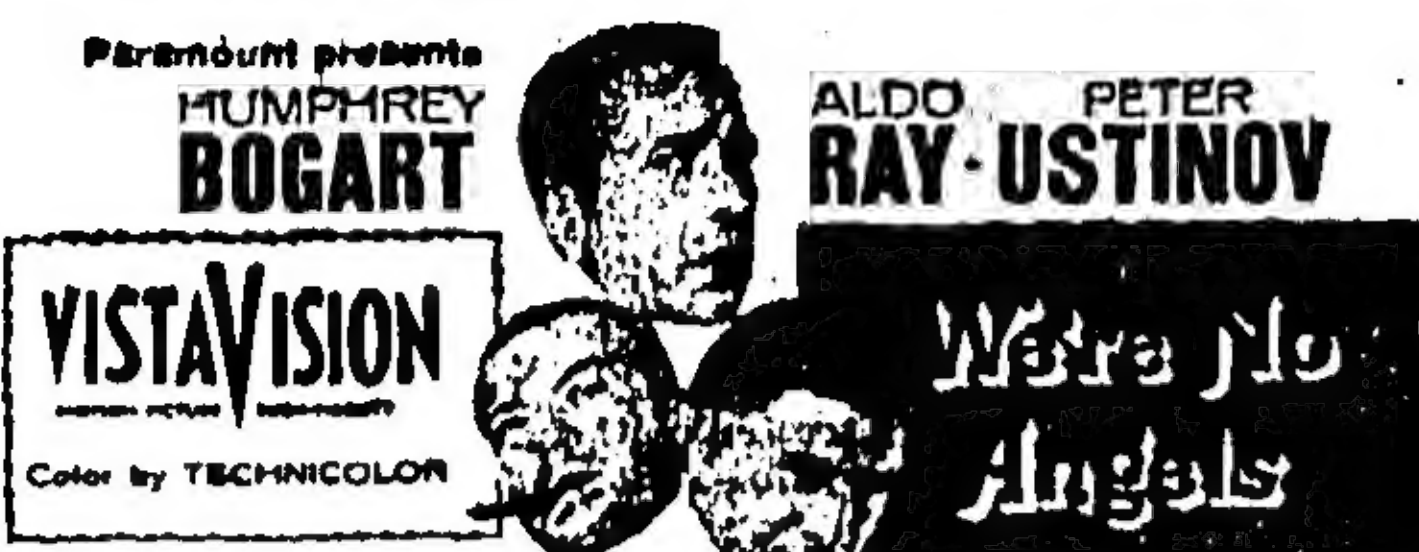
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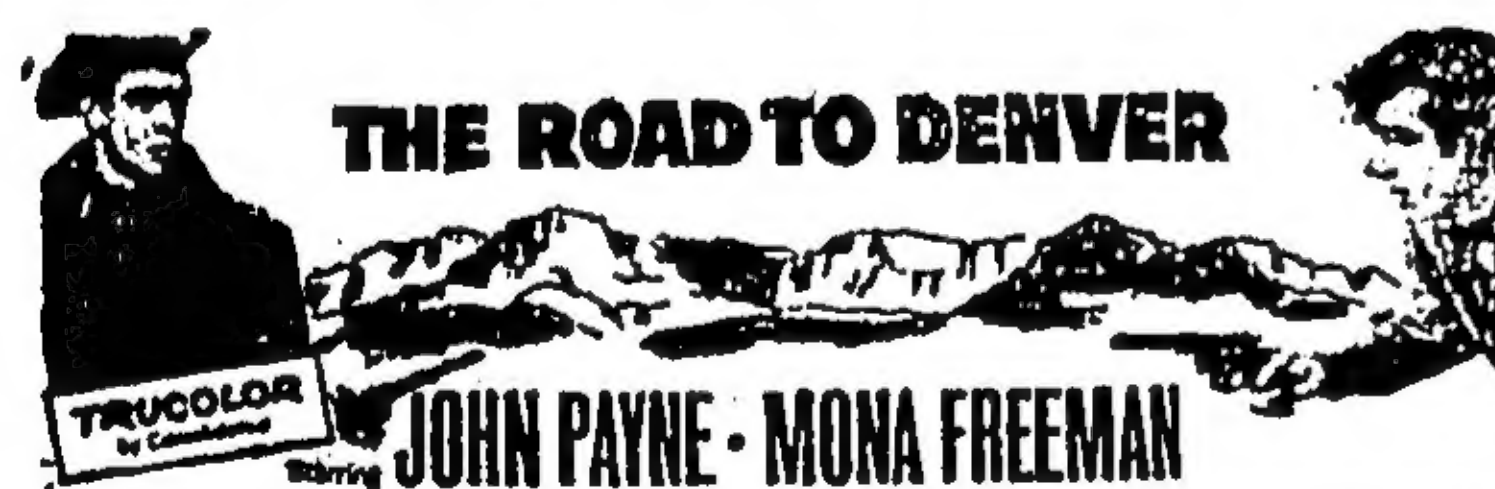
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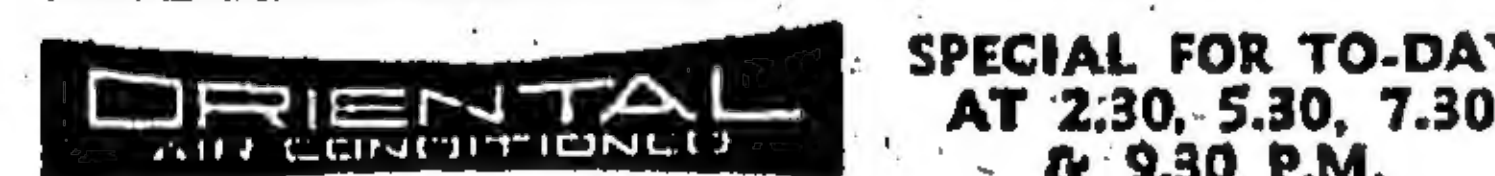
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WEST GERMANY TAKES STAND ON EXCHANGE OF ENVOYS

This Carpet Enjoys Punishment



A demonstration was held recently in London of "Hardcore-loop"—a new type of carpet claimed to be resistant to fire, mildew, moths and beetles. The carpet is made of Ardlil and wool, or Ardlil and viscose rayon, according to grade, and has a rot-proof backing of plastic. Manufacturers say it will give three times the wear of a normal cut pile carpet. Picture shows British TV personality Mary McLeod using a blow-lamp on the carpet to test its fireproof qualities. — Express Photo.

South Africa Not Returning To UN This Session

United Nations, Dec. 7.

The Union of South Africa announced today that it will not return to the current session of the United Nations despite yesterday's decisions refusing to continue the UN commission investigating the Union's racial policies.

South Africa walked out of the Assembly on November 9 when the UN Special Political Committee adopted a resolution extending the commission for another year.

S. Korea Would Recognise Jap Line

Seoul, Dec. 8.

South Korea's Foreign Minister said today his government would recognise a fishery line drawn around Japan similar to Korea's Rhee Line, which Japan rejects.

Foreign Minister Cho Chung Whan told the United Press in an interview that a 50-50 division of fishery grounds in the Japan Sea "has been Korea's stand all along."

Cho was asked if Korea would abide by a 60-mile offshore line around Japan. He replied: "Yes, of course."

The Republic of Korea has threatened to defend with gunfire its claim of 60 miles of territorial waters against invading Japanese fishing and government patrol craft.

Japan refused to accept the Korean claim.

Foreign Minister Cho said Korea "welcomes" American efforts to solve the problem. But he added that he doubted that US mediation will be necessary because "there will be no serious crisis over the peace (Rhee) line that would cause the US to use its influence with either of the two nations." — United Press.

The office of the South African Consulate-General in New York issued today a statement made by Minister of External Affairs Eric H. Louw in Pretoria. He said:

"The final resolution... expressed concern about South Africa's racial policy... (and) repeats the United Nations interference in the domestic affairs of the Union which led to the withdrawal of our delegation from the present session."

"It must, therefore, be obvious that the terms of the final resolution will preclude the return of the Union delegation during the present session."

Opens Door

"The decision not to place the... enquiry into South Africa's racial policy on next year's agenda opens the door for the return of the Union delegation to the 1956 session."

"But there is still on the agenda the proposal of the Government of India which condemns the treatment of persons of Indian origin who are Union nationals. This proposal is as much an interference in the domestic affairs of South Africa as is the appointment of the Sanje Cruz (racial investigation) Committee."

"The Union Government's attitude in regard to the next session of the United Nations will be determined by the action taken by the Assembly on the Indian complaint now and at the commencement of the following session. If it should again be placed on the agenda." — United Press.

By Ian Fraser

Bonn, Dec. 7.
Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, said today that West Germany would break off diplomatic relations with any country which exchanged ambassadors with the Communist East German republic.

If any of the Soviet satellite states, all of which have ambassadors in East Berlin, propose diplomatic relations with West Germany, West Germany will refuse, he said.

Avalanche Death Roll Now 15

Vienna, Dec. 7.

The death toll of this winter's first big avalanche disaster rose to 15 after Austrian mountain rescue teams today found the bodies of the last five missing victims.

A group of 18 workers of a hydro-electric power plant at Kaprun in the province of Salzburg was buried under a huge snowslide.

Three survived, but were seriously injured. — United Press.

'Russians Rough On Britain'

London, Dec. 7.

Mr Herbert Morrison, one of the men being considered to replace Mr Clement Attlee as Labour Party leader, today called current Russian criticism of Britain "rather rough."

He said in a speech that Communist Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev has spoken "with a good deal of frankness and aggressiveness in regard to the governments of the West."

"I think it is rather rough that we British should be described in our relations with India and Burma as a tyrannical lot of people, as vindictive or as nasty bits of work," Mr Morrison said.

Perfectly True

"It is perfectly true," he said, "that there has been an imperial phase in our relations with India and Burma, but frankly, if I were to be a victim of imperialism I sooner would be the victim of that kind of imperialism rather than a citizen of one of the countries behind the Iron Curtain."

Mr Morrison said there had been "some talk" of cancelling the proposed visit to Britain next spring of Khrushchev and Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

For his part, he said, he would let them come.

"While I resent the harsh things being said, I think it would be a mistake if our Government were to seek to cancel the visit," he said. "Let them come. I think we would be spiteful, childish, and would not improve relations between the countries to get bad tempered and say, 'you have said certain things about us. We don't want you to come to our country.'" — United Press.

In Bombay, twenty volunteers of the "United Front of Goans" attempted to demonstrate before the US Consulate today but police guards arrested two would-be demonstrators and dispersed the others. — United Press.

"There should be no doubt whatsoever about our attitude on this point," Dr von Brentano said in an interview with Reuters.

Western Germany had agreed to exchange ambassadors with the Soviet Union, which also has an ambassador in East Berlin, purely to promote the cause of German unity.

Russian Aims

Western Germany would not set up consulates in the Soviet Union, Dr von Brentano said.

The West German Foreign Office view is understood to be that one of the chief aims of the post-Geneva European policy of the Soviet Union is to extract recognition of Eastern Germany from the Western powers.

This would consolidate the "status quo" in Europe on the basis of a divided Germany and enable the Soviet Union to turn more attention to Asia.

It would also help stabilise the Communist regime in Eastern Germany.

In view of the Foreign Office, the Western forces must now hold together more firmly than ever and resist any Soviet attempts to wear down their resistance by plinkett campaigns.

Future Policy

Dr von Brentano will inform his foreign missions at a two-day ambassadors' conference starting here tomorrow of the consequences of the Geneva conference's failure and the policy line to be adopted for the future.

The conference, the largest of its kind ever held in Bonn, will be made up of 26 ambassadors and ministers from all the West European capitals, including the Vatican, and from important overseas centres.

Dr von Brentano will impress on the ambassadors the dangers for Germany and for the rest of the world which might arise if the Western powers lose interest in German reunification and rest content with the present uneasy equilibrium between East and West.

The next discussions to elaborate a joint Western policy for the post-Geneva period will take place in Paris next week during the ministerial conferences of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Western European Union.

Dr von Brentano expects to have talks with Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, Mr Harold Macmillan and Mr Antoine Pinay, British and French foreign ministers, on this subject.

After Eden

It is understood Dr von Brentano will visit Washington in February for talks with Mr Dulles. These would follow immediately after conference between President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden, which is to take place at the end of January.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, is contemplating a journey to the United States in the summer, it is learnt. It will be his third trip to that country. — Reuters.

Ship Sails With New Captain

Columbo, Dec. 7.

The Pakistan ship Minchobor, chartered by the Government of Ceylon, sailed today from here to-day bound for Poland after a new captain had been flown to her earlier today from Karachi.

The vessel had been held up by a strike of harbour workers last Friday. The former Captain, W. P. A. Khan, had been recalled to Karachi by the Government.

The new captain, Mr. M. A. Khan, had been flown to Ceylon today. He is expected to arrive here tomorrow. — United Press.

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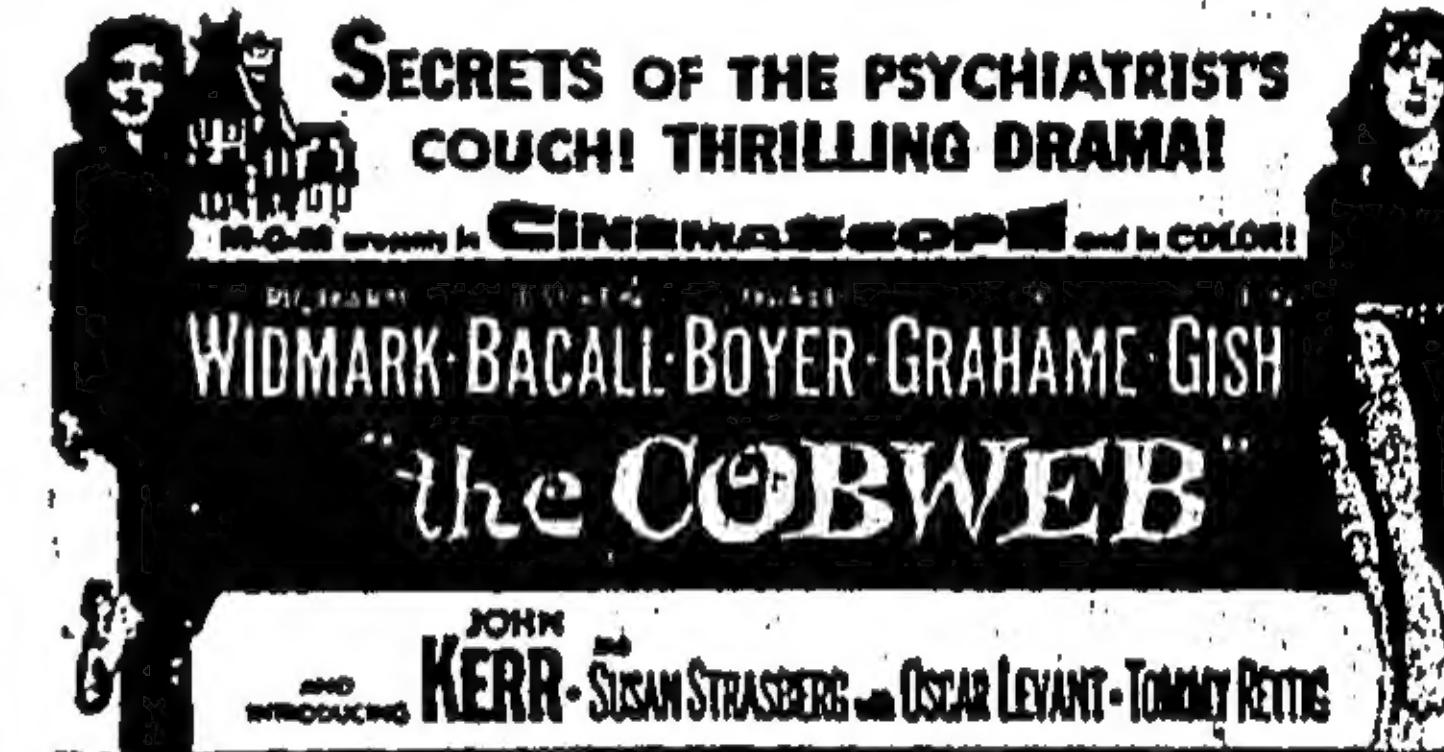
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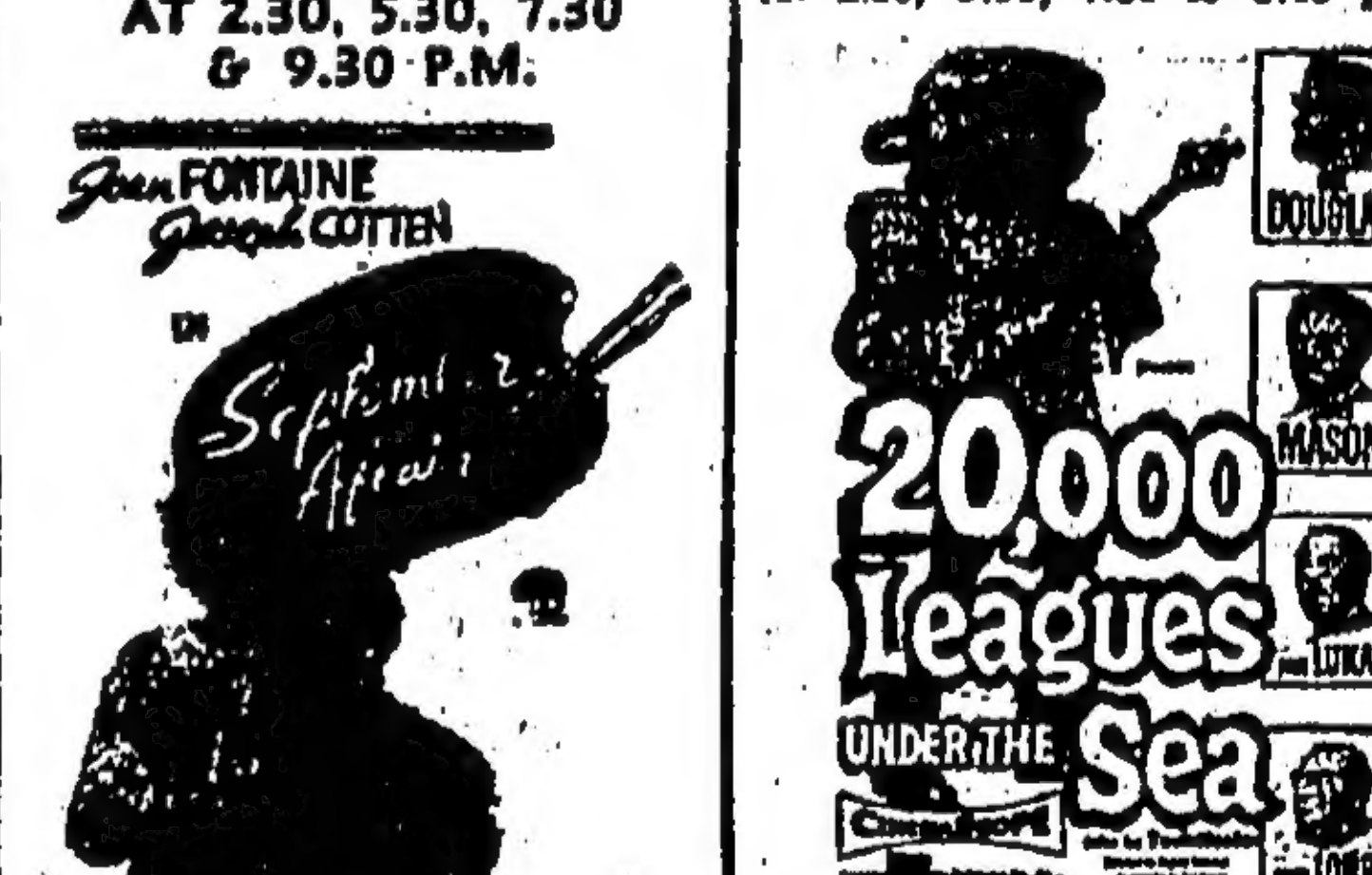
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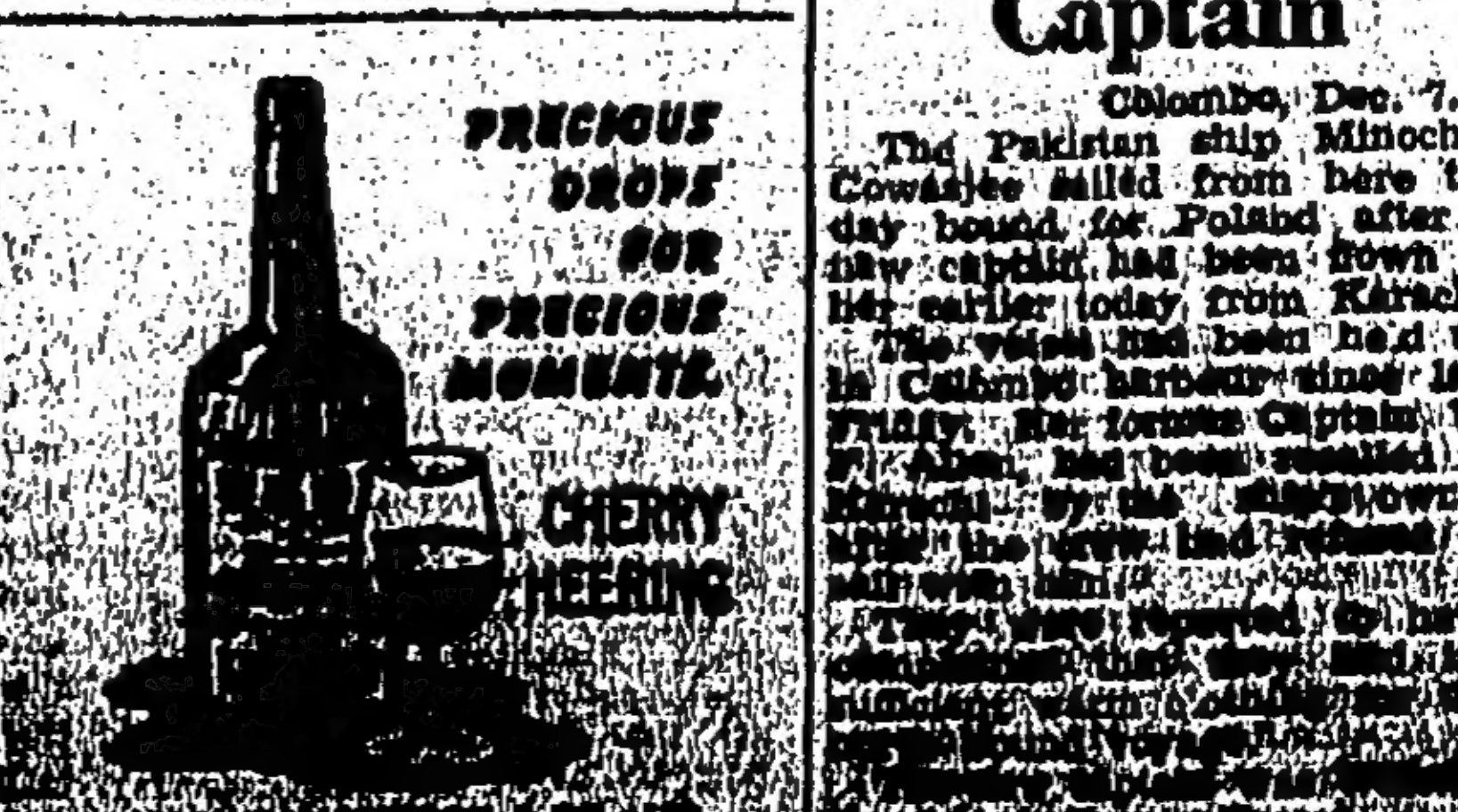


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★★ Blistering Attack In United Nations ★★ Syria Alleges West Responsible

For Tension INTERFERENCE IN MIDDLE EAST

United Nations, Dec. 7.

Syria charged today that the West and not the Soviet Union was responsible for Middle East tension and demanded a Big Four pledge of a "hands-off" policy for the Arab world.

Syrian Ambassador Ahmad Shukairy, in a blistering speech in the United Nations main political committee debate on disarmament and international tension, declared that if Western policy in the Middle East is not challenged, "tomorrow or the day after the Eastern powers would not hesitate to interfere in the affairs of Asia, Africa and South America."

The question of Middle East defence and arms deals, he declared, was outside the authority of the Western powers.

"It is clear beyond any doubt that tension in the Middle East has neither been created nor intensified by the Soviet Union," he said. "The truth is that the disturbed conditions of the Middle East are the making of the world powers."

Israel Denounced

His speech included a denunciation of Israeli appeals to the West to halt Czechoslovakian arms shipments to Egypt and other Arab states. The injection of this question into the Geneva Foreign Ministers' meeting, he said, "explains in part the failure of the Geneva conference."

Shukairy also blamed the West for trying to suppress North African liberation movements and declared that the Arabs were determined to wipe out all vestiges of colonialism.

"The Soviet Union has not a single military base in the Middle East," he said. "The Soviet Union has not affronted one single citizen in the Middle East...."

"It is not the Soviet Union who is suppressing the liberation movement in North Africa. It is not the Soviet Union who has created this great tragedy of the Palestine question. It is not the Soviet Union who is bombarding the southern coasts of Yemen; all this is the record of the Western powers in the Middle East in the last 150 years."

His references to Yemen and Burundi were to disputes between the Arabs and Britain.

Shukairy said the Western powers can "not only ease the tension of the Middle East but eradicate it entirely."

He continued: "We are determined to emancipate the Arab world from the relics of imperialism, from the vestiges of colonialism, and from all expressions of aggression. We are striving to achieve the unity and liberty. We shall develop our national life without failing to gain any liberty wherever we find it."

Noting that the US has stated that information on American policy can be obtained directly from it and not through the press, Shukairy demanded that US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge answer these questions:

"1. Is it true that NATO divisions trained in atomic practice have been dispatched to North Africa?"

"2. Is it one of the objectives of NATO to defeat the wishes of the people of North Africa?"

"3. Is the liberation movement in North Africa considered an act of aggression that should be repelled by NATO forces?"

Up To Powers

It was up to the great powers, he said, "to take the tempo before it is too late" and added that efforts to solve international tension should start with the Arab world.

On this basis, Shukairy said, he invited the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and France "to accept a policy declaring the following principles:

"1. To recognize the independence of all territories not yet independent in the Arab world."

"2. To abstain from any interference, domination, infiltration and any activity against any territory in the Arab world."

"3. To conduct relations with the Arab world on the basis of mutual understanding, respect and equality."

What Authority?

To the Western powers in general, Shukairy addressed three other questions demanding to know "by what authority" the West:

"1. Interference in the plans for the defence of other countries and other peoples."

"2. 'Seek to halt arms shipments to the Middle East.'

"3. 'Empowered to judge the Middle East arms balance.'

Shukairy said "I am not here to defend the Soviet Union against criticisms by the United Kingdom. But the matter primarily is one which belongs to the Middle East and not to the Soviet Union."

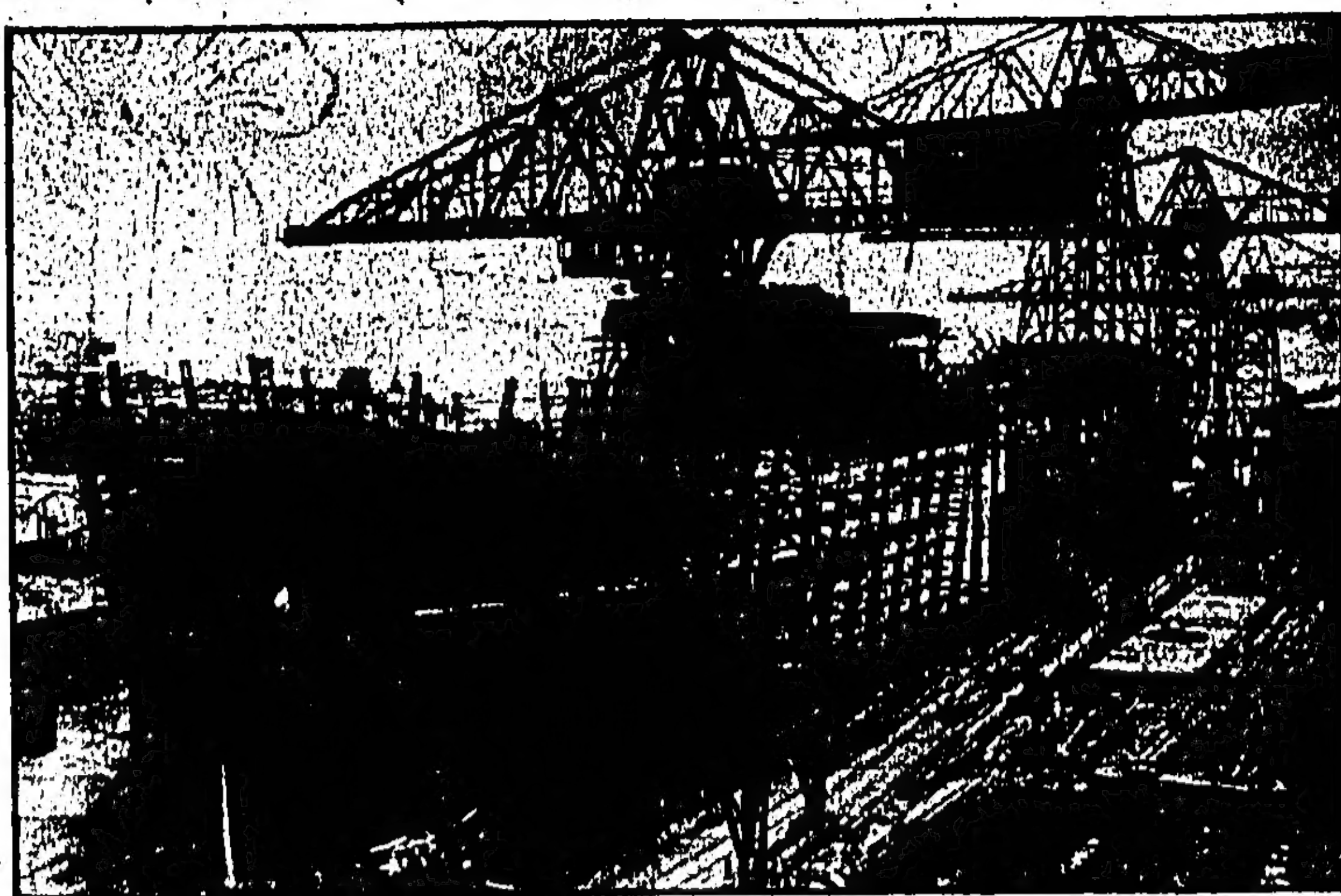
Western demand that a balance of power be maintained in the Middle East, he said, could not be upheld since the Arab nations are sovereign states and "no longer under mandate or tutelage."

"To proclaim a policy in regard to the armaments of the Middle East is nothing but an encroachment on the sovereignty of the Middle East states," he said.—United Press.

Press Censorship

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 7. The Brazilian Government shortly will impose press censorship in Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian newspapers reported today.

The newspaper reports said that persons wishing to leave the capital would be required to obtain a security clearance from the police. The police would also be required to check the names of persons leaving the capital and to report any persons who were considered to be a threat to the government.—United Press.



The Spyros Marchoa, at 47,150 tons deadweight, the world's largest tanker, which was launched last Friday. The tanker, pictured here a week before the launching, is the largest merchant ship to be built in Britain since the war, and will carry crude oil from the Persian Gulf to United Kingdom ports.—Reuterphoto.

STRIKE HITS WEST COAST SHIPPING

San Francisco, Dec. 7.

A STRIKE of AFL marine firemen idled three ships in West Coast harbours today and threatened to idle three more in the next day or two.

The firemen called the strike to back their demands for vacation pay equal to that received by the AFL sailors and marine cooks and stewards.

The action affects firms belonging to the Pacific Maritime Association. It may eventually involve 150 ships.

The first ship struck was the China Transport of the Pacific Transport Lines, which was supposed to have sailed from San Francisco on Sunday with Christmas mail for servicemen in the Orient. The walkout spread yesterday to Los Angeles harbour, hitting the P & T Leader of the Pope and Tabot Lines and the Santa Flavia of the Grace Lines.

Vacation Pay

The strike was the result of a vacation pay provision in the new master contract covering 6,000 AFL sailors, marine cooks and stewards.

The sailors and cooks chose a package deal that provided a base pay and eliminated extra pay for certain unpleasant duties.

The firemen chose a package deal that kept the extra pay and bonus provisions, but provided a much lower base pay.

Vacation pay is computed from the monthly base. Hence, the firemen found out they will get less vacation pay than the sailors and cooks.—United Press.

Austrian Himalayan Expedition

Vienna, Dec. 7.

An Austrian six-man expedition will leave here next spring for the unconquered 28,114 feet "Gasherbrum 2" peak in Kashmir. The Austrian Himalayan Club announced here today.

The climbers, who will make attempts on four other Himalayan peaks, will train this winter at Gross Glockner in the Austrian Alps. They will follow a new experimental diet which excludes tobacco and alcohol.—France-Press.

Russians' Hostess

New Delhi, Dec. 7.

Mrs Indira Gandhi, daughter of the Indian Premier, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, will go to Strasbourg to accompany the Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, and his wife, when they arrive in India for the 10-day visit of the Soviet Premier to India. Mrs Gandhi will be accompanied by Mrs Indira Gandhi, daughter of the Indian Premier, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, and her husband, Mr Feroz Gandhi, who is a member of the Indian Parliament.—United Press.

US Going Slow On Israel's Arms Appeal

Washington, Dec. 7.

The United States probably will delay a decision on Israel's arms request until next year despite an appeal for fast action, officials said today.

They said the matter still is being carefully weighed by the Defence and State Departments and more time is required for final decision.

Portugal's Dispute With India

DULLES DID U.S. GREAT DISSERVICE

New York, Dec. 7.

New York's Governor, Averell Harriman, said today that the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, did the United States "a great disservice" this week when he associated it with Portugal in the dispute over Goa.

Mr Harriman, who is a candidate for the Democrat no-

Israel last month asked the United States to sell it defensive weapons on bargain basement terms to offset Communist weapons being delivered to Egypt. The size of the Israeli request is not known, but its aim is to counteract the Czech-Egyptian deal which involved between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000 of weapons.

Sharett Surprised

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett asked Secretary of State John Foster Dulles yesterday to speed up US consideration of the request. He said he got the impression Israel's request is under "very active consideration."

Mr Sharett also said he expressed Israel's surprise at reports of Western optimism about an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. He said such optimism is "entirely unfounded" and that Mr Dulles apparently did not share the rosy view either.

Mr Dulles told a press conference yesterday he saw no "concrete developments" moving toward an Arab-Israeli settlement but added that the "possibilities in our opinion still exist."

How to exploit these possibilities is likely to be one of the big topics for discussion by President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden when the latter comes to the United States next month.

British Suggestion

The British have suggested territorial concessions by Israel as a basis of Arab-Israeli negotiations and the United States has talked of "border adjustments."

Mr Sharett said yesterday that "Israel will not cede territory." But he indicated his government might be willing to make minor border adjustments in an effort to get a final peace.—United Press.

Journalist Wants Catholic Paper For Asia

Manila, Dec. 7.

An Australian Catholic journalist today urged delegates to the first Asian congress of lay apostolate meeting here to set up a daily newspaper for distribution in Asia.

Mr Doyle, of the Catholic Journalists Guild of Australia, said the newspaper should be controlled by the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr Doyle, who is attending the congress as an observer, said the daily should be published after the British Catholic newspaper, Tablet, and Catholic Herald.

The congress is being attended by delegates from Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, India, Nationalist China, South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.—United Press.

Letters For Santa

London, Dec. 7.

A giant United States Air Force Super-Fortress will fly to the North Pole from the Burlington (Vermont) air base next December 17-20 to deliver some 10,000 letters to Santa Claus.

The letters, from English school children, will be dropped out of the plane over the Pole. The plane will also deliver some 10,000 letters to Santa Claus.—United Press.

World Socialists Pay Tribute To Attlee

Paris, Dec. 7.

Socialist party leaders and heads of state throughout the world paid tribute to Mr Clement Attlee who today (Wednesday) resigned as leader of the British Labour Party after 20 years in office.

They commented on his efforts as British Prime Minister and Opposition leader to advance the causes of democracy and socialism in Britain, the Commonwealth and other parts of the world.

Reuter correspondents reported the following tributes from world centres:

COPENHAGEN: The Danish Prime Minister and leader of the Social Democratic (labour) Party Mr H. C. Hansen said Mr Attlee had been a "farseeing and clever leader" who was universally respected by the whole international socialist movement.

PARIS: M. Guy Mollet, Secretary-General of the French Socialist Party, said that Mr Attlee provided an example for the world's socialists by 25 years of work in English socialism which was "solid, conscious, realistic and efficient." Democrats and Socialists in Europe had been encouraged in the "double struggle against communism and reaction" by the example of English socialism, he said.

BONN: Herr Ollenhauer said the Attlee Government's decision to give India and Burma independence "should set the world an example of a way to stop communism in the Far East."

KARACHI: Mr Hamidul Haque Chowdhury, Pakistan Foreign Minister, said that Mr Attlee "will be remembered as long as the independence of this sub-continent is remembered."

COLOMBO: Mr S. R. D. Bandaranaike, leader of the Opposition in the Ceylon House of Representatives, said that Mr Attlee "carved out for himself an important niche in history, and played an important part in shaping the future of the world" by having the courage to give freedom to Asian countries such as India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.

ROME: Signor Giuseppe Saragat, leader of Italy's Social Democratic Party, said that "no one in our time has contributed more than Mr Attlee to the advancement of the conditions of life of the working classes."

"He has thought it is possible to build a more just economic society while at the same time consolidating political liberty,"—Reuter.

Give Us Our Football Pools Says Soldier

Singapore, Dec. 7.

FOOTBALL pools to the British Tommy (in Malaya) are his link with home, said Cpl. H. J. Harrison, stationed in Kemayan, North Malaya.

Corporal Harrison, in a letter to the Straits Times, expressed disappointment at the lack of definite announcement by the governments of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore whether to allow betting of British football pools here.

"After all the jungle bashing we are doing in Malaya," he said, "surely we warrant some consideration."

Pleasant Hours

"But in the jungle away from all entertainment our football pools become our sole pleasure. We spend hours working out 'form' to fill in the coupons and many a pleasant hour is spent with our pals chatting about them."

The letter added, "If the government object to local inhabitants participating in football pools (the answer is to confine it to British troops and civilians holding a United Kingdom passport) with corresponding financial support in the United Kingdom."

He concluded by appealing to the Chief Ministers of Malaya and Singapore to "allow the British troops and civilians to participate in football pools here."

Russia Snubs US Surplus Offer

Washington, Dec. 7.

RUSSIA has snubbed a US offer to sell it surplus American farm products, it was disclosed today.

The offer made by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the recent Geneva Foreign Ministers' meeting was snubbed by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

A State Department spokesman said Mr Molotov showed no response when Mr Dulles said at a private meeting on November 13 that the prospects for normal trade between the two countries were large, particularly in the field of farm surpluses.

The trade question came up just three days before the end of the Geneva meeting. During their conference, the Big Four foreign ministers and their advisers made no progress on ending East-West tensions. The trade problem, which was mostly discussed by lower level experts, Mr Dulles had a long talk with Molotov on various subjects on November 13. It was during this private talk that Molotov brought up the general subject of trade between the two countries.

Normal Trade

Mr Dulles informed Mr Molotov that normal type trade possibilities were large, but he emphasized he was making a distinction between "normal type of trade and trade in strategic items which are carefully and rigidly controlled by the United States."

Mr Dulles told Mr Molotov it certainly was "no great secret" to point out that the United States had large farm surpluses which the Soviet people presumably could use, the spokesman said.

"To this suggestion Mr Molotov made no response," he added. The United States has large stocks of surplus wheat, corn, cotton, rice, cheese, butter, grain sorghums, barley, dried milk and oats. The Government has 1,000,000 bushels of wheat. The Government has been searching for some way to reduce these stocks. There has been hope that Russia would take over some of the surpluses.—United Press.

KING SAUD IMPRESSED BY INDIA

Bangalore, Dec. 7.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia, at present on a visit to India, said here today that it was now the duty of the people of India and Arabia to strengthen the historic relationship established between the two countries, and to open new vistas for increased friendship.

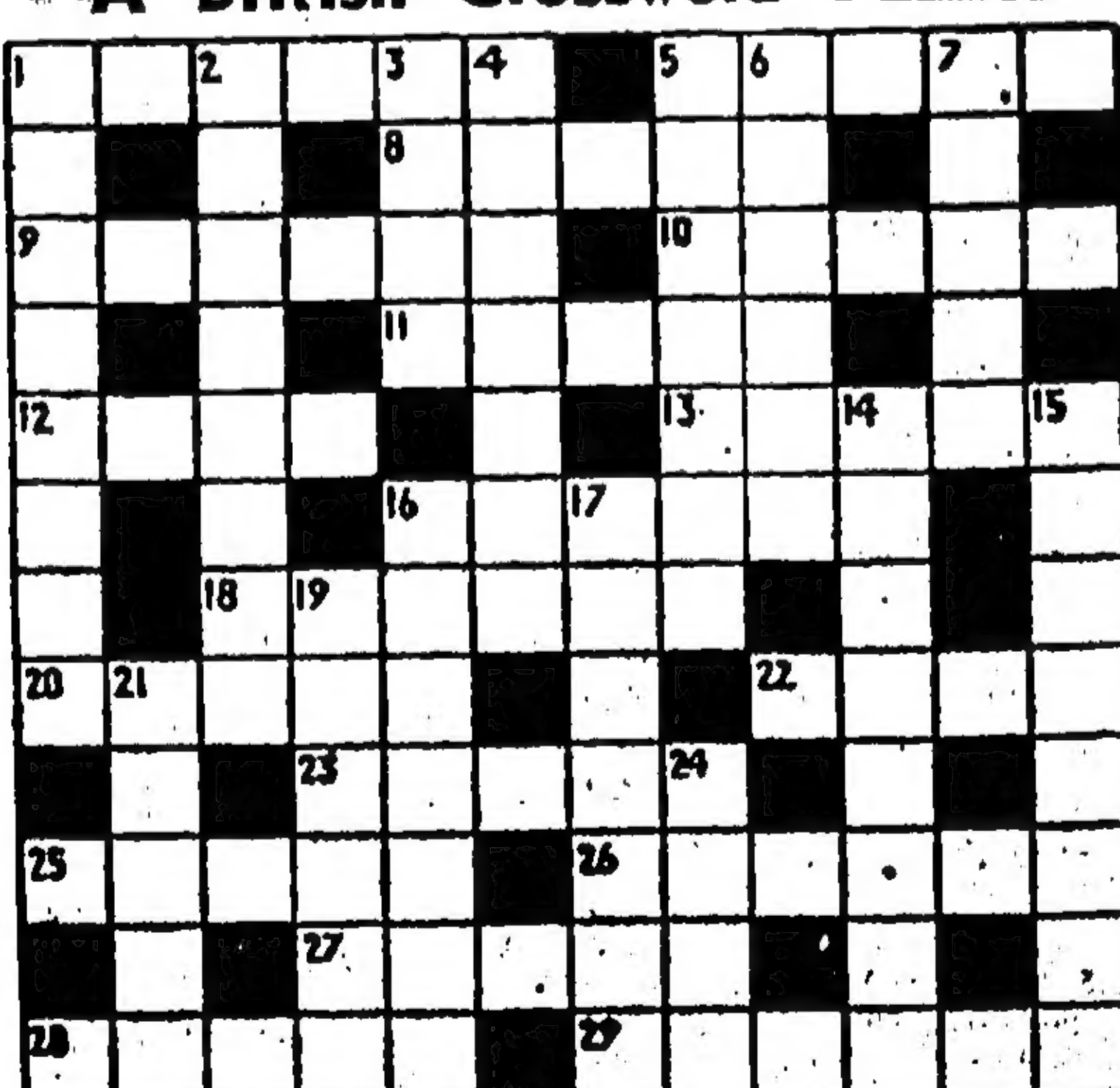
Replying to a civic reception given him by the Bangalore Municipal Corporation, King Saud said he was struck by the great strides made by India since her independence.

"He thanked the Indian people for the interest they had shown in him and in the Saudi Arabian people, which had 'great significance' to the King said."

At a state banquet held in his honour tonight, the Chief Minister of Mysore, Mr K. Hanumanth Nayaka, said that new that India was independent, the old contacts and the relationship between the two countries which had survived during years of adversity, could be made stronger and lasting.

King Saud will, next, move with his party to Pondicherry, where he will meet the French President, General de Gaulle, and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:**
- Alfresco meal (6).
 - Extent (6).
 - Drugged (5).
 - Tends (6).
 - Arab boats (5).
 - Supply (6).
 - Coarse (4).
 - Rub out (6).
 - Divorced (6).
 - Value (6).
 - Blockheads (6).
 - Unaccompanied (4).
 - Bring up (6).
 - Madame (6).
 - Freeholder (6).
 - Guide (6).
 - Ecstasy (6).
 - Respectable (6).
- DOWN:**
- Chastised (8).
 - NCO (8).
 - Certain dates (4).
 - Garb (7).
 - Compensation (7).
 - Stick to (6).
 - Garments (6).
 - Recommend (8).
 - Executant (8).
 - Agrees to (7).
 - Took without right (7).
 - Angry (6).
 - Kind of window (6).
 - Ancestor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Sabot, 2. Idea, 3. Sure, 4. Dope, 5. Slow, 6. Little, 7. Out, 8. Oats, 9. Owl, 10. Blood, 11. Trial, 12. Err, 13. Archway, 14. Cape, 15. Menu, 16. Square, 17. Mode, 18. Down, 19. Haven, 20. Consider, 21. War, 22. Slave, 23. Sick, 24. Aunt, 25. Sled, 26. Sled, 27. Sled, 28. Sled, 29. Sled, 30. Sled, 31. Sled, 32. Sled, 33. Sled, 34. Sled, 35. Sled, 36. Sled, 37. Sled, 38. Sled, 39. Sled, 40. Sled, 41. Sled, 42. Sled, 43. Sled, 44. Sled, 45. Sled, 46. Sled, 47. Sled, 48. Sled, 49. Sled, 50. Sled, 51. Sled, 52. Sled, 53. Sled, 54. Sled, 55. Sled, 56. Sled, 57. Sled, 58. Sled, 59. Sled, 60. Sled, 61. Sled, 62. Sled, 63. Sled, 64. Sled, 65. Sled, 66. Sled, 67. Sled, 68. Sled, 69. Sled, 70. Sled, 71. Sled, 72. Sled, 73. Sled, 74. Sled, 75. Sled, 76. Sled, 77. Sled, 78. Sled, 79. Sled, 80. Sled, 81. Sled, 82. Sled, 83. Sled, 84. Sled, 85. Sled, 86. Sled, 87. Sled, 88. Sled, 89. Sled, 90. Sled, 91. Sled, 92. Sled, 93. Sled, 94. Sled, 95. Sled, 96. Sled, 97. Sled, 98. Sled, 99. Sled, 100. Sled.

People here say that this will be the best Christmas ever and it is true. The giant Christmas tree is just going up in Rockefeller Plaza.

Phone 27539 Hongkong



By "PAK LO"

MAN OF THE MATCH

For a change last night two different coloured balls were used. In the first game the Club and 74 LAA used a white ball and in the Gunners-Red match an orange-coloured ball was used. The orange ball showed up to better advantage, and will probably be in use more often in the future.

THE TEAMS

Lineup: Rowe, Macdon, West
Gerrard, Maund, Jackman, Glen
Chandler, Barker, Collett, Kelly
Robinson, Hill, Gatehouse, Buckley

Rest of Army: Bishop, Boorman
Blincoe, Moore, Caine, Kier, Sharpe
Tilden, Foster, de Cordova, Jentous

INTER-LEAGUE SOCCER

English Football League Beat Ireland 5-1

Hongkong Tennis Team Against

Macao

These matches will be played off at the CRC courts on December 17 and 18, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

COMBINED CHINESE WERE GOOD VALUE FOR THEIR THREE NIL VICTORY

Says "TOUCHWOOD"

Combined Chinese were good value for their win which they made certain only by their second half supremacy.

BEST MAN AFIELD

Candido Velga at left-wing was the most dangerous forward and really worried combined Chinese custodian Tam Nai-huen while fullbacks Francisco Pontes and Raulo. France checked numerous raids by the Chinese forward line

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD 4-2 AT SOCCER

Cambridge scores were Steward (10th minute), Protlove (20th) and Howlett (44th and 81st minutes).

FEEBLE SHOT

The 37th to 41st minutes were still goalless, but with only four minutes to the interval, Combined Chinese suddenly came to life. Yiu Cheuk-yin crossed over a well placed

SECOND GOAL

Mok Chut-wah wrote first to whatever hopes for the Portuguese when he crashed in the third and last goal to give Combined Chinese a three nil victory.

TEAMS

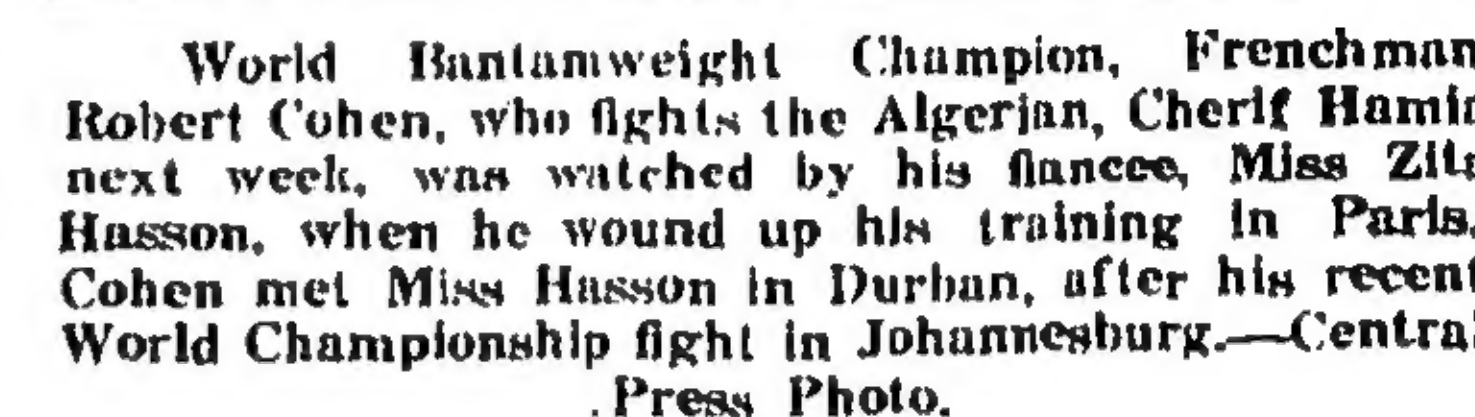
Combined Chinese: Tam Nat
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Fai-hung, Ng Wai-mun, Chan
Man-eh, Ho Ying-fan, Yui
Cheuk-yin, Chu Wing-keung
Mok Chun-wah, Hau Ching-to

Laurence Marques: Octavio
Sa, Francisco Pontes, Rau
Franco, Augusto Onofre
Armando Silva, Yoss Campelo
Antonio Serra, Hideo Vals
Fernando Lage, Amoral, Ismael
Candido Veiga

Australian Runners All Set To Race Hungarians

Tonight's event was in the nature of a practice for the Melbourne athletic carnivals of the next two weeks, and indicated the home talent can give good races to the invading stars from Hungary, Sandor Iharos, Laslo Tabori and Istvan Rozsavolgyi.—United Press.

WORLD CHAMPION



CARNIVAL OF CHAMPIONS

Danny Kid And Kaneko Score Easy Wins

Tinde floored Kaneko for count of four in the seven round with a vicious straight right to the jaw but failed follow up his advantage.

PIRIE MAY GIVE UP ATHLETICS

After the programme, Pirie told newsmen that he had visited a London hospital today and that the doctor was optimistic it would heal. Pirie however declared he was quite unable to train at the moment.

Societies' Annual Golf Match

The losing team in the morning rounds will pay for lunch. A group photograph will be taken in front of the Men's Clubhouse at about 1.05 p.m. afternoon games starting immediately afterwards.

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Pirle said he had injured the Archilles tendon in his heel.

Boys' "A" Division	
St Joseph's	30
Sing Pao	37
Wah Yen HK	30
Chung Ching	37

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by Barry Appleby



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of the facts to the Colonial
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TRACKING MAU MAU THROUGH
THE KENYA SCRUB

By Henderson Gail

Nyeri, Central Kenya, Dec. 7.

A full moon rode coldly above Police Tracker Team No. 1
as they swished through long, wet grass and pushed into
dense, crackling scrub after a Mau Mau gang.

It was about 4 a.m. and chilly, over 8,000 feet up in the
White-settled Kenya Highlands, although nearly on the
Equator.

I was with this tracker team,
the first to be raised two years
ago in Kenya to combat Mau
Mau. Lending it was Inspector
Harry D. Radford, of Glen
View Road, Hammerfield,
Hemel Hempstead, Hertford-
shire.

With him, in silent single
file, went six African trackers
dressed in slouch hats, jungle
green and jungle boots, carry-
ing Patechis and rifles. One
enormous man carried a Bren
gun as if it were a grass
stalk.

Suddenly some buffalo wheel-
ed away through the bush.
Bringing up the rear was an
African girl, a "bibi", aged
about 17, who had been cap-
tured with a gang some days
previously. She had admitted
under questioning that she had
once been to the Mau Mau hide-
out, near a European farm, of
self-styled "General" Chuma,

who led about 20 terrorists.
She had described its posi-
tion, and this information had
been matched up with the
local knowledge of one of the
tracker team, a light-coloured
Kikuyu, known technically as
a "tame Mick" that is, a
former terrorist who had
thrown in his hand with the
Security Forces.

As we pushed through the
sweet-smelling undergrowth,
Radford stopped and said: "We
are making too much noise." I
felt uncomfortably guilty.

Lingua Franca

Then, in Swahili, the lingua
franca of East Africa, he told
the Sergeant, a fine-featured
Samburu warrior from the
Northern Kenya deserts, to
"go in" while Radford, one
tracker, the bibi and myself
waited above a bushy gorge.

We stood shivering, waiting
for the sun to rise. Strange
bird calls floated over the
valleys. The bibi and the
tracker sat bare-foot and un-
concerned in the damp grass.

Yet, every sense was keyed
up in the half-light. Once I
jumped, mistaking a small
black bird for a terrorist's
head, and felt foolish. Radford
and the tracker said they smell
smoke from a Mau Mau hide-
out—the terrorists light their
pipes in the morning before
leaving the hide for the day,
to sleep under a separate bush.

We waited for the crack of a
shot which would announce
"contact" with the gang, al-
ways elusive, but no signal of
success came. A feeling of an-
ticipation set in and we left the
trackers to return after us to
our base.

They reported several hides,
vacated about 36 hours pre-
viously, and the presence of
tracks which eventually petered
out. Radford said that he was
disappointed, the chances of a
"kill" had seemed good.

The implacable night figures
had dwindled in the growing
light to becoming laughing young
Africans and an Englishman.

Cheerful and careless now,
the team piled into a Land-
rover to drive about ten miles
to the farm run by Peter
Becker, the man who started
tracker teams in Kenya and
eventually convinced police
authorities that they ought to
be out on an official footing.

Voluntary Work

Much of his work has been
voluntary, he has killed more
Mau Mau than perhaps any
other single person in Kenya,
and he has the admiration of
all the surrounding farmers. In
fact, he has spent so much time
ghosting Mau Mau that he has
had to neglect his own farm.

Now there are ten tracker
teams, one of the spearheads of
the anti-terrorist campaign. In
Becker's absence, Radford was
running Tracker Teams 1 and 2.
He had been out the pre-
vious day and would probably
be out the following one, pos-
sibly all night as well, for when-
ever the call goes out from a
farmer whose farm has been
raided and stock stolen, the
trackers are ready.

They are mobile with their
Landrovers—police say the
Emergency could not have been
won without them—and in
touch with headquarters in this
case Mweiga police station, by
pack wireless sets, if necessary.

they will stay on tracks for
days on end, sleeping on the
ground, until they catch the
gang or lose the tracks.

It is not often that these men
lose the trail. They track as
naturally as you or I read the
newspaper.

Radford, aged 25, brown and
burly, is hardly a typical police-
man. He is a Contract Inspector,
which means that he has signed
an agreement to serve in Kenya
for two years, with the possi-
bility of being required for an
extra six months.

Some time ago, he was
assigned to be second in com-
mand of a tracker team—a con-
siderable achievement, for all but
one of the other Europeans with
tracker teams are Kenya-born
or have long lived here.

Ability To Cope

It is a tribute to his fluent
Swahili and his ability to cope
with a tricky job—for the Mau
Mau terrorist may be only half
the menace he was two years
ago, but he is still an ugly
customer and an expert in forest
warfare.

Radford may not be a typical
policeman but the respon-
sibilities he has out here are by
no means uncommon. Perhaps
he is a bit better than most
at turning his hand to some-
thing new. He was a fitter in
the Royal Air Force as a Nation-
al Serviceman, and served in
the Middle East. Later, he
worked for a number of aircraft
firms in Great Britain and then
decided to have a look at Africa.

He hopes to be able to see
something of the rest of Africa,
and has ideas about becoming a
game warden.

He told me that tracker teams
are made up of Africans from a
number of tribes. Some are
inquisitive, "like cattle in a
field at home," said Radford,
and are mostly Kikuyu, the

tribe responsible for Mau Mau.
Others are "loyal" Kikuyu,
Samburu and Turkana, from the
northern plains, men from
forest tribes such as the
Wandorbo. Their mixed nature
seems to improve rather than
impair efficiency. Strangely, the
Masai, traditional enemies of
the Kikuyu, and plainsmen, are
not successful in tracker teams.

The trackers, all run under
police authority, carry out two
main functions:

1. When a theft of livestock
is reported, trackers pick up the
trail and follow it hard, often
not easy for the Mau Mau are
adept at confusing their tracks.
2. Acting on special informa-
tion about terrorist movements,
the teams go out as a striking
force, as in the case of the
patrol I joined.

Nowadays, with terrorists
becoming daily fewer, and per-
haps craftier, many a patrol may
draw a blank. But usually some
knowledge is gained which may
lead in time to success. The
teams know the maze of scrub-
covered country inside out.

Silence Essential

Sometimes trackers call in
police dogs but these are apt to
make a noise—when silence is
essential—and are also nervous
of the forest animals, particu-
larly of leopard. In addition,
trackers may come across
rhinoceros, elephant, reckoned
the most dangerous of all by
some men, buffalo, which are
inquisitive, "like cattle in a
field at home," said Radford,
and snakes.

These tracker teams bow the
knee as specialists only to one
force in the Kenya police, the
"black-face boys" or pseudo
gangs. When the patrol I join-
ed was operating, a neighbour-
ing section of forest was "closed"
because a pseudo gang was in
there.



The Danish capital won't be caught napping when Saint
Nicholas makes his annual visit on December 25. The streets
are decorated for Christmas, festooned with myriads of coloured
lights. Typical in the main shopping centre, "Strøget", pic-
tured here, where illuminated decorations can be seen stretched
across the roadway.—Express Photo.

Because of the secrecy that
surrounds them, little can be
said of these forces. They are
mainly local Kikuyu and former
terrorists led by a Kenya-born
European who speaks Kikuyu
and who is disguised like the
rest of his "gang" as a ter-
rorist, with blackened face.
Their task is to make contact
with real terrorists, lure their
suspicions, become accepted as
fellow gangsters, and then at
the best opportunity, kill or
capture.

Recently several of these men,
led by a 19-year-old Kenya
Special.

farmer, were mistakenly shot as
terrorists by farm guards.
Several of the African men-
bers have been shot by Mau
Mau who saw through their dis-
guise, and certainly the forest
gangs have become extremely
suspicious, even of genuine
gangsters who may have moved
into new territory.

When the whole story of
these men can be told it will
undoubtedly be one of the
strangest and most heroic of all
the hair-raising tales of the
Kenya Emergency.—China Mail
Special.

US Confident Japs
Will Have Trade
Barriers Lowered

Washington, Dec. 7.

American officials today expressed confidence
that Japan within a year would persuade reluctant
members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and
Trade (GATT) to lower their tariff barriers
against Japanese exports.

The officials gave this optimistic prediction at
a background briefing reviewing the 35-nation
GATT talks which ended in Geneva last Saturday.

One of the chief goals of the
United States at these talks has
been to expand Japan's international
trade by encouraging Australia,
Brazil, Cuba, France, Haiti, New
Zealand, the Rhodesian Nyasa-
land Federation and South Africa
to give "most favoured nation"
treatment to Japan, which was
admitted to the trade and tariff
organisation in September.

Frankly Stated

The United States also want-
ed Britain, Austria, Belgium,
Luxembourg, Holland and India,
who grant Japan preferential
treatment through separate ar-
rangements, to act within the
framework of GATT.

Although American officials
frankly stated they were disap-
pointed at their failure to
secure these objectives during
the recent talks, they said
they expected important and
substantial progress to be made
by the time the GATT nations
met again in Geneva next
October.

They pointed to the fact
Brazil was negotiating with
Japan and was expected to ex-
tend full GATT privileges to
Japan in the near future.

Several of the other reluctant
nations were said to be retaining
deep-rooted objections to follow-
ing suit, but officials expected a
Japanese "break-through" with-
in a year.

Fear Of Dumping

They said it was becoming
clear to the "holdout" nations
that trade with Japan would
affect their markets to a limited
extent only. To this the officials
added that this small margin was
of vital concern to the well-
being and strength of Japan.

The officials said that the fear
of dumping by Japan was not
the only reason for the refusal
of GATT members to extend
preferential treatment.

They listed two other reasons:
1. Fear that Japan could win
in genuine and fair trade com-
petition.
2. The "hangover" of
antipathy towards Japan as a
result of the last war and events
before the outbreak of the
Pacific hostilities.

"But we are very hopeful
that progress will be made to-
wards overcoming these fears,"
one official said. "Japan is now expected to
take the lead in working for a
relaxation of trade barriers
through direct talks with the
GATT partners."

Britain Too

The standing committee of
GATT will after the problem in
the light of the progress which
Japan makes in these talks.

Officials expressed qualified
satisfaction with Britain's ap-
proach to Japan.

Britain is one of the nations
refusing to make a formal "most
favoured" commitment within
GATT but in fact granting these
concessions through separate
arrangements.

They said Britain was con-
cerned about the problem and
was preparing to sign a treaty
of commerce with Japan.

But they added that there
was no prospect that the British
would agree to a formal GATT
commitment.—China Mail
Special.

Mail Notices

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain & Europe, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, India, 9.30 a.m.
By Surface
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Thailand, India, 3 p.m.
N. Borneo, Japan, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
By Air
Formosa, Japan, Korea & Okinawa,
10 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 4 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
5 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Pakistan, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
Thailand, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Mauritius, F. West Africa &
S. Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia, &
Mozambique, S/P via L. Marques),
4 p.m.
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kun-
ming, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11
a.m.
Indo-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,
5 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Canada, 4 p.m.
Br. East Africa, F. East Africa, (N.
& S. Rhodesia, & Mozambique S/P
via L. Marques), 4 p.m.
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L. & G. Coast, 4 p.m. via Aden,
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Hawaii, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

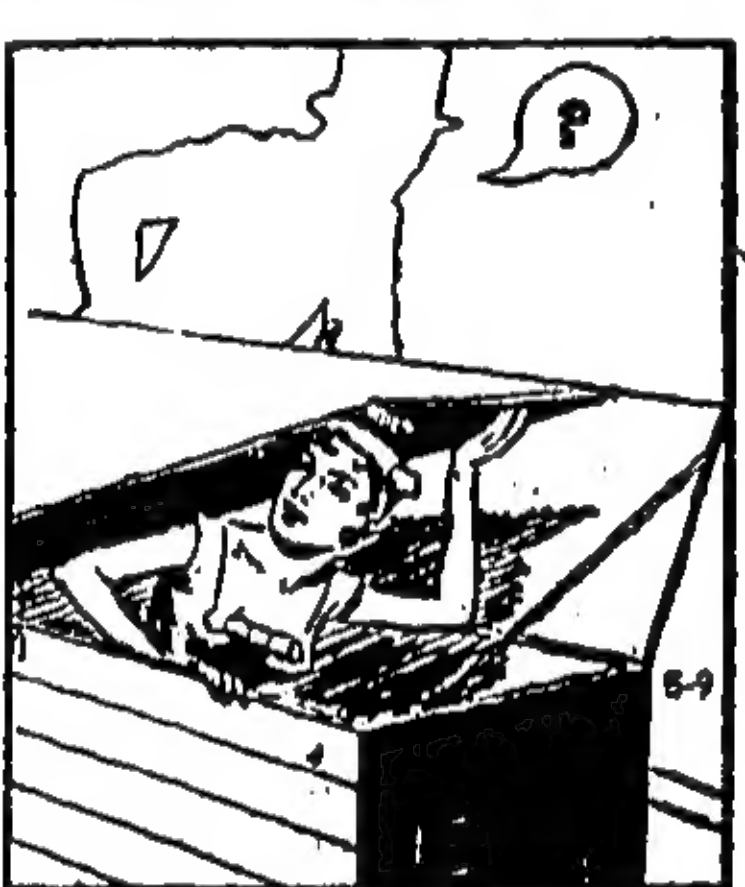
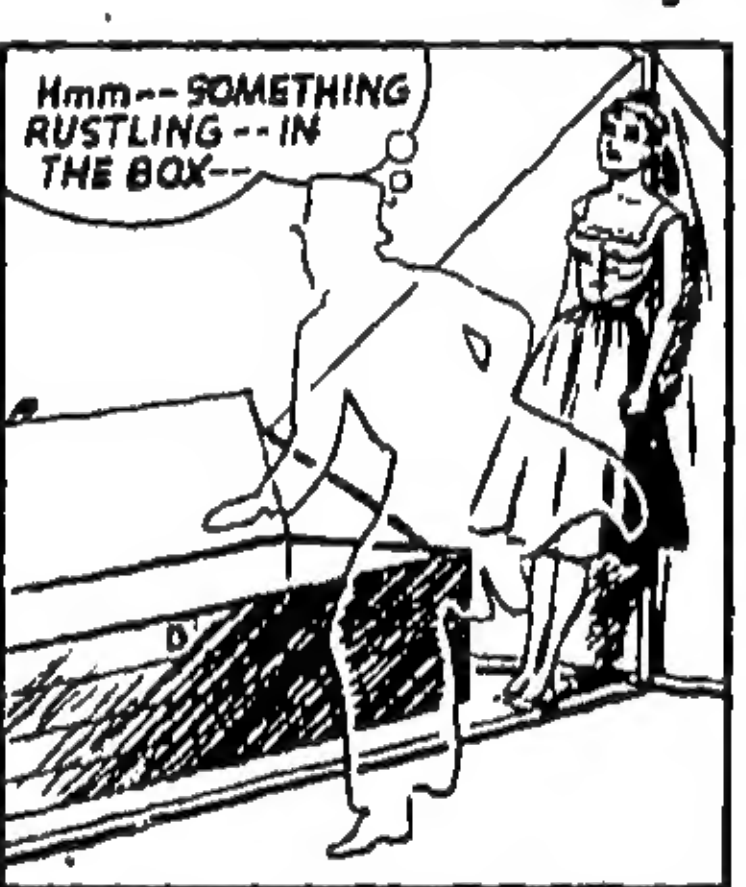
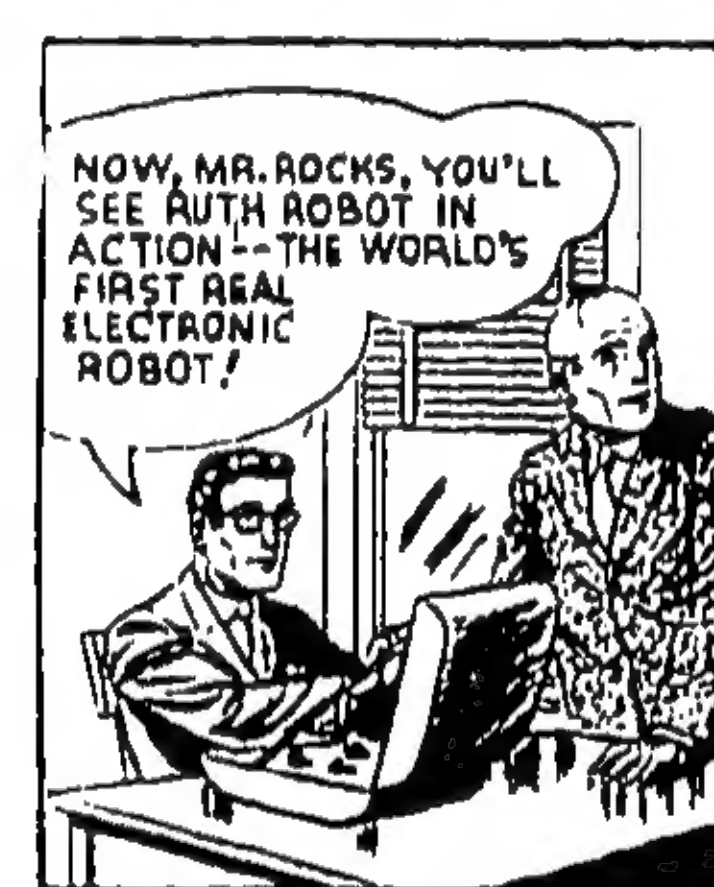
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Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Canada, 4 p.m.
Thailand, India, 3 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,
5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
1 p.m.
Indo-China, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Canada, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
1 p.m.

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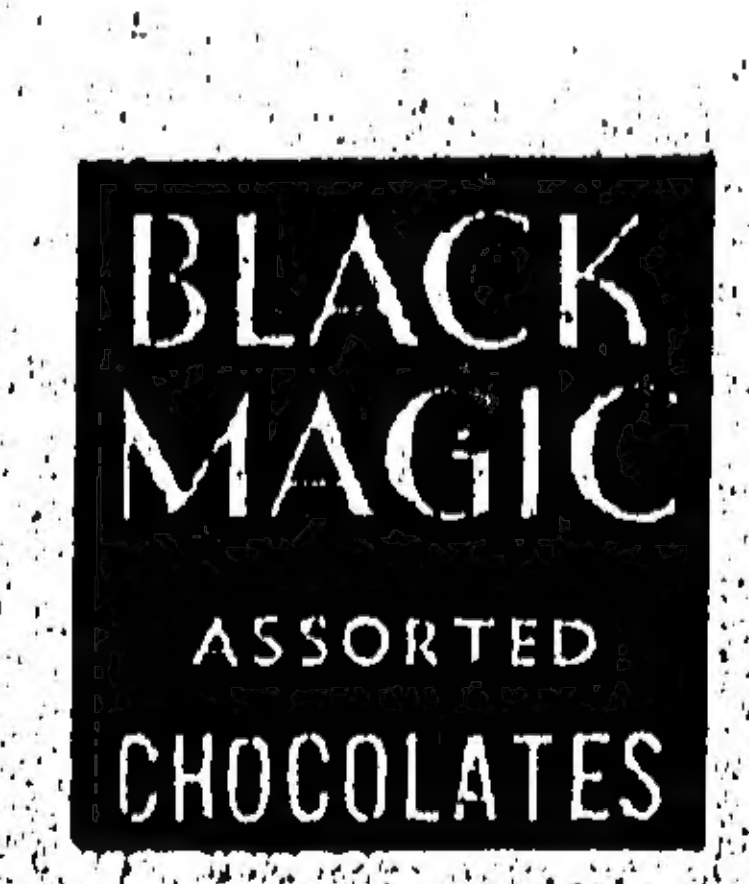
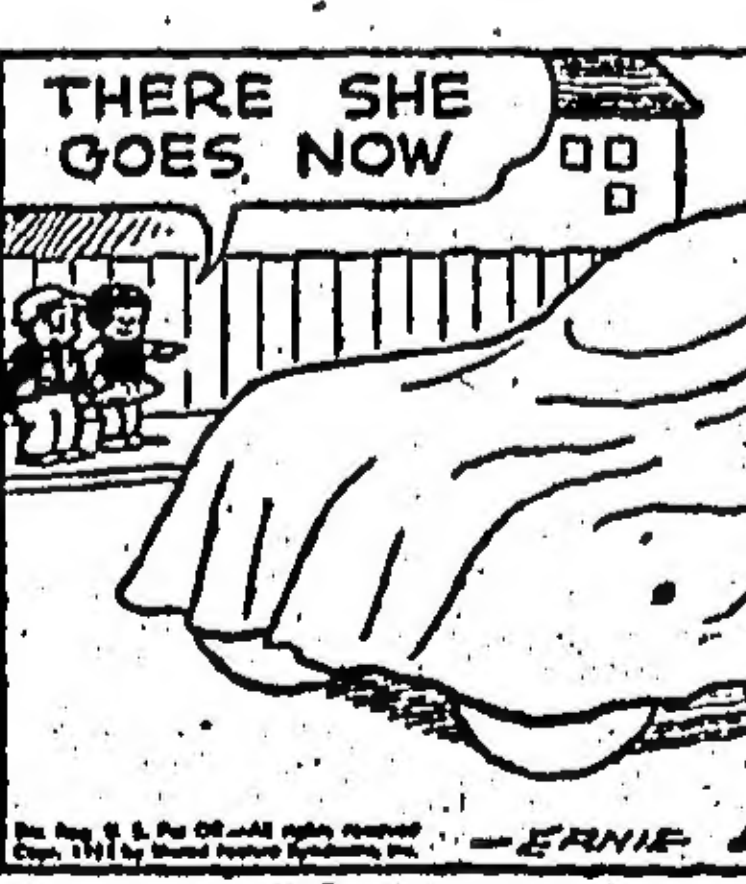
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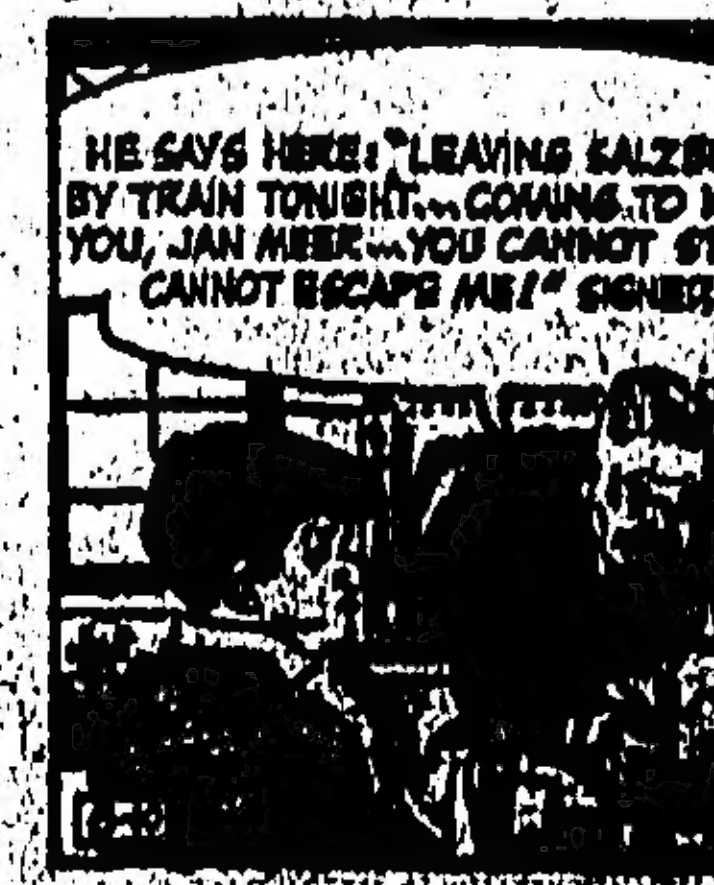
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Japanese Steel, Cotton Industries

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 7. Rubber futures closed today 20 points lower to 85 points higher with sales of 341 contracts.

Commodity house and dealer buying orders lifted the market at the close after a lower start. Part of the trade included dealer exchanges of 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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

STATELY HOME

NOWADAYS, when for half-a-century anyone may inhabit almost any stately home for the best part of an afternoon (and the deer-park for much longer at no extra charge), some of the awe and wonder of being surrounded by architectural splendour is departing, or wearing thin.

The Great Hall at Euston station has by its magnificence subdued generations of those who stand and wait to meet trains late at Rugby, later at King, for which hope has all but been abandoned long before they slide into Euston's main arrival platform.

The Great Hall had this power once, to subdue and subvert criticism.

SMALL STUFF

BUT now, when half the population (to judge from the gate-money figures) spends half its spare time at ease amidst the glories of houses like Chaworth and Hatfield and Blenheim, the Great Hall at Euston seems very small stuff.

There are indications, indeed, that the Great Hall's charm lies now, for many people, in its cosy intimacy. A growing number seem to regard it as a kind of communal bed-sitting room. A young man named Eustace seemed to.

Eustace is a modest-looking, slim young African. At 12.20 the other morning a railway policeman found him asleep in the Great Hall.

BACK AGAIN

"NOW, now, wake up now," said the policeman, prod- ing Eustace.

Eustace opened wide two large, resigned, innocent eyes, and shook a little life into him- self.

"Where are you travelling to?" the policeman asked him.

Eustace yawned. "Nowhere," he said.

"Then you can't stay here," the policeman said.

"Oh, I can," said Eustace. He rose and stretched in all direc- tions, and strolled away.

The policeman continued on his station beat. An hour later, it brought him back to the Great Hall. There was Eustace

practised again, at his ease, on one of the comfortable seats.

WRONG ADDRESS

"I THOUGHT I told you..." the policeman began. He called for assistance. Eustace was ejected from the station. A few minutes later he returned. He was arrested then, and at Clerkenwell court, later in the morning, he pleaded guilty to trespassing on the railway's property.

"Was there any reason for his being there?" asked the magistrate, Mr E. G. Robey.

"No, sir," said a policeman. "He has been using the hall for his best fortnight."

"He's been making the Great Hall his home?"

"I think so. He gave an address, but we tested it. He is not known there."

KEEP AWAY

THE magistrate turned to his probation officer, who had just come into the court-room. "This man here," he said, with a gesture towards Eustace, "has been using Euston Station as his home and drifting about London. He needs to get a job. Can you assist him?"

"Oh yes, sir," said the proba- tion officer.

"The magistrate turned to Eustace. 'You must get a job of work,'" he said.

"Certainly, sir," Eustace said, with vigour.

"And you must keep away from the station, see?"

"Sah," said Eustace, but in a dull flat voice. It would not be easy to find another home to measure up to his stately last.

MRS COMER FINED

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The press clustered around him. He turned and snapped, "Get out of it!"

He pushed through to his wife and took her in his arms. She kissed him and smiled.

"Police kept reporters back as I came and his wife left. A crowd of about 100 excited men and women urged around them."

Comer and his wife entered a car as cameras clicked.

Comer told reporters, "My wife is going back to my home. And she called: 'All I want to do is get back to my babies.'" China Mail Special.

Sandakan Light And Power Co Annual Meeting

Addressing shareholders this morning at the annual general meeting of the Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd., held in the board room of the Union Trading Company, Major S. M. Churn revealed that owing to unavoidable increases in operational costs the profit for the year showed a decrease of some \$26,000.

He also declared that with the installation of a Crossley-Premier unit the Company will be in a position to meet all foreseeable demands and the stage has at last been reached when a halt can be called to the heavy drain on cash resources.

The text of the chairman's speech reads: "After making due provision for all charges and depreciation on the usual scale, the net profit for the year was \$14,000, a re- sult of some \$26,000 com- pared with the results of the previous year's operations."

This drop in profit is all the more disappointing as our sales of electricity showed an increase of some 7 1/2% over 1954 figures. Unavoidable increases in operational costs, however, mainly on account of fuel, more than offset the ad- vantageous increase.

Shareholders will doubtless recall that our main source of revenue in the past has been the payment of a licence fee to the Government for the use of the power station.

Until the full benefits of our expansion programme are realised, your Directors consider it prudent to continue their con- servative policy as to dividends and accordingly have recom- mended in their Report the same dividend as last year, namely, 50 cents per share.

The Accounts before you follow the usual form of pre- vious years and I do not think there are any items calling for special comment or explanation other than possibly the De- preciation charge in Profit and Loss Account, which is reduced by \$24,300 from that of last year.

This difference is not due to any large scale reductions in our provisions for depreciation but to the fact that the 1953/54 Accounts bore a larger charge than normally, due to excessive deterioration in the condition of our No. 1 Diesel Chimney.

The main portion of the balance of \$102,750 appearing under Debtors and Debt Bal- ances represents Consumers' Accounts for the month of June, 1955, which have since been collected. On the Li- abilities side the Balance Sheet shows the amount shown as due to sundry creditors has now been paid, leaving the item Loan Payable \$86,000, which is due for repayment to our parent company, China Pro- vident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., during the current year.

You will note that our com- mitments for Capital Ex- penditure not included in the Accounts before you amount only to \$28,300 as compared with \$320,000 at this period last year.

I feel confident that the bene- fits from the expansion policy adopted by your Board will soon become apparent and will be reflected, albeit to a small ex- tent, in the results of the cur- rent year's operations.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that our Power Station has again operated throughout the year without any serious breakdowns, despite the con- siderable strain to which the plant has been subjected, and due credit must be given for this to our Manager and Resi- dent Engineer and his hard- working staff.

NETWORK ENLARGED

In addition to the necessity for increasing our generating capacity, it has also been necessary to spend considerable sums on enlarging further our distribution network by new mains, additions to existing mains, transformers, meters, etc. From a study of the compar- ative figures shown in the Balance Sheet under Fixed Assets you will note that altogether the considerable sum of \$508,000 has been expended under this head.

The major portion of this ex- penditure represents the balance of the purchase price and erec- tion costs (including the engine house) of the Crossley-Premier Alternator, amounting to \$350,000. Other additions to Elec- trical and Sundry Plant amounting to \$22,500, Mains, etc. referred to above, \$47,000, and Staff Accommodation and Sund- ries \$70,000.

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Two Sentenced For Assaulting PCs

Pleading guilty to a charge of assaulting a police officer occasioning actual bodily harm, Yau Siu, alias Hak Ka Chai, 26, was sentenced to two years and nine months by Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

A second accused, Li Tsang, alias Tau Ngau Chai, 31, was sentenced to 15 months for the same offence.

A second charge of wounding the police officer with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, to which the accused pleaded not guilty, was dismissed when the Prosecution offered no evidence.

Both accused were represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam.

Insp. K. Bodie said at 1 a.m. on September 11, two off duty police officers, PC4085 and PC4240, while passing by the Yung King Restaurant, Wanchai, saw a man, So Fung, a captain employed by the restaurant, being assaulted by both accused outside the elevator door.

They went over to interfere with the fight at the same time revealing they were police officers. Soon after, the two accused punched PC4085 in the stomach with his fist whilst the first accused produced a motor cycle chain and swung it at the other constable who was struck on the right hand trying to ward off the blow.

The two accused then ran away, chased by the two constables, who were later joined by two detectives.

PC4240 was found to have a five-inch long abrasion on the right forearm and a fracture of the right hand. Though not detained, he had to attend the hospital for treatment for two weeks.

MITIGATING PLEA

In mitigation, Mr Leong said the fight was caused by the jealousy through the captain of the restaurant making improper advances to the wife of the accused's friend. Both accused were under the influence of drink.

The chain, Mr Leong said, was a genuine chain and not a fighting chain. It had no handle or other accessories attached to it. The injuries caused to PC4240, though serious, did not cause the constable to be detained in hospital.

BIGAMY TRIAL

Yan Cheong-leung, a villager of Po Wo Li, Tol Shan, testified to an alleged wedding ceremony when hearing of the case against a 23-year-old student, John Him-moon, on a charge of bigamy, continued before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Accused is alleged to have married Li Sun-chee, on July 10, 1955, during the life of his wife Chiu Yue-ching.

He is represented by Mr Francis H. B. Wong, of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co. Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel is prosecuting.

Yan testified that he knew the accused since their childhood and that the accused was married to Chiu Yue-ching in 1949 in the country.

He then described the wedding ceremony and also another ceremony of coming of age previous to the wedding.

Hearing is continuing.

Judge Dismisses Divorce Court Petition

Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Pilsen Judge, in the Supreme Court this morning gave judgment for the plaintiff, Po-yun Fok of 82 Robinson Road, who was respondent in a petition for the dissolution of marriage brought by his wife, May-yook Fok. The parties were married in October, 1945, in the U.S.A.

The issue before the Court was whether at the date of the institution of the petition for divorce (July 6, 1955), the plaintiff was domiciled in Hongkong.

In giving his judgment, his Lordship said: "In this case the onus rests on the defendant to prove that the plaintiff has abandoned his domicile of origin and has established a domicile of choice in Hongkong. On the evidence before me I find that the defendant has failed to discharge this onus."

"That being so, I hold that at the date of the issue of the petition for divorce the plaintiff was domiciled in Hongkong and that therefore section 4 (1) (b) of the Divorce Ordinance (Cap. 179) has not been complied with. The said petition is accordingly dismissed."

His Lordship ordered costs to be paid by plaintiff up to the amount of security. Plaintiff brought an action before Mr Justice Gregg for the dismissal of the petition on the ground that he was a Portuguese subject of Macao birth and that he was not domiciled in Hongkong.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacki, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths of Messrs Wilkinson and Crist. Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comer of Messrs Hastings and Company appeared for the wife (defendant).

THE JUDGMENT

His Lordship's decision was as follows: "The issue now before me is whether at the date of the institution of the petition for divorce in this case, namely, July 6, 1955, the plaintiff, who is the respondent in the said petition, was domiciled in Hongkong."

"I find as follows: The plaintiff's domicile of origin is Macao; for the reason that at the time of his birth his father was, in my opinion, domiciled there. His father was born in Macao in 1882 and was in 1918 declared by the District Court in Macao to be a Portuguese citizen by birth. (See documentary Exhibits J1, J2 and J3—the genuineness of which I have no reason to question.) The plaintiff was born in Canton on May 25, 1919; and, while his father owned property and a family home in Canton, there is, in my opinion, no sufficient evidence to show that at the time of the plaintiff's birth he (the father) had established a domicile of choice there. In 1921 the plaintiff's father was awarded Portuguese citizenship and prior to the war was the owner of a substantial amount of real estate in Macao."

"The plaintiff lived in China until he was three years old by Chinese reckoning; and from China went to Macao where he lived with his father and mother until he was eight years old. The age of eight years the plaintiff returned to Canton where he went to school and remained there until 1937. From 1937 to 1940 the plaintiff resided in Hongkong, where his father died in 1939 in the local family home at No. 82 Robinson Road."

COMPLICATED

"It is submitted that the plaintiff's father, before his death in 1939, established a domicile of choice in Hongkong and that being so, the plaintiff, being then a minor, his domicile followed that of his father. In this connection the position is complicated by the existence of substantial property in Canton, Hongkong and Macao and of a family house or home in each place. It is also complicated by the movement of the parties from one place to another from time to time. On the evidence before me, therefore, I am unable to say that the plaintiff's father established a domicile of choice in Hongkong."

"The Macao property of the plaintiff's father included, inter alia, the 'Grand Hotel' and a family home at No. 20C Rua do Campo, Macao. This family home was occupied by the plaintiff's mother until about two years ago when illness forced her to come to Hongkong for treatment."

"In 1940 the plaintiff went to the U.S.A. and there married his first wife who died in 1944. In 1945 he married the defendant (petitioner) in the State of Nevada, U.S.A., on October 19, 1945. In 1946 the plaintiff and defendant came to Hongkong and resided at No. 82 Robinson Road, the Hongkong family home, and there two children were born to them—one was born in 1946 and the other in 1947. These children were later sent to the U.S.A. and are apparently still there. In 1947 the plaintiff went to Canton, and stayed there until the advent of the Communists in 1949. The plaintiff's wife stayed in Hongkong during this period; but occasionally visited her mother-in-law in Macao. When the plaintiff left Canton in 1949 he went to Macao and his evidence shows that he lived with his wife and children there at No. 20C Rua do Campo, Macao. In 1952 the plaintiff leased land on the island of Tan Chai within the Colony of Macao, and built a small house there with farm buildings. In 1953 the defendant says she lived at 82 Robinson Road, Hongkong, but made trips to Macao about once a month. The plaintiff had a concubine or other woman living with him in Macao; and his wife, whether for this reason or not, left Macao and the plaintiff in November 1954. The defendant says that in 1954 she was living at 82 Robinson Road, Hongkong, but made trips to Macao."

NOW IN HONGKONG

"The plaintiff is now residing in Hongkong where his presence is necessary due to family litigation over his father's estate. The plaintiff denies any intention of establishing a domicile of choice here. While the main control of his family business is in Hongkong and the plaintiff is a director of the managing company here, it is clear that the plaintiff is a family member concerned with the supervision of the Macao property and that he intends to reside there."

"All this case the onus rests on the defendant to prove that the plaintiff has abandoned his domicile of origin and has established a domicile of choice in Hongkong. On the evidence before me I find that the defendant has failed to discharge this onus."

"That being so, I hold that at the date of the issue of the petition for divorce in this case, namely July 6, 1955, the plaintiff (respondent) was not domiciled in Hongkong and that therefore Section 4 (1) (b) of the Divorce Ordinance (Cap. 179) has not been complied with. The said petition is accordingly dismissed."

Stole Mother's Ear-Ring

Lo Chak-kuen, alias To Yau-tai, 23, unemployed, of 66 Tin Hau Temple Road West, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and ordered six strokes of the cane, for larceny from person, by Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning.

On December 3, at 1 p.m. defendant, a dope addict, approached Wong King-lan, his mother, and asked her for \$1. When she refused to give him the money, he attempted to take her cotton quilt to sell it. Eventually, his mother borrowed the money and gave it to him.

At 8.30 p.m. on the same day, while his mother was lying on her bed, defendant went up to her, and asked her for two buckets. His mother, suspecting he wanted to sell them, refused to give them to him.

Sometime later, while his mother was still lying in bed, defendant approached her, and snatched an ear-ring from her left ear. As he did this, his mother hit his hand, and when defendant pulled it out of his mouth, he also pulled one of her teeth. His mother screamed for help, but defendant escaped.

When arrested, and questioned, defendant admitted the offence.

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